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No matter if students use their cellphones discreetly while in class, according to Travis Bockenstedt, professor in journalism and communication, professors see all. —Elizabeth Jewitt/TRUMPET

Manners matter

Tech etiquette important in classroom setting

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As the new academic year starts and students settle into their classes and routines, it is important for them to learn proper classroom etiquette, Travis Bockenstedt, professor in journalism and communication, said.

While the transition from high school to college is different for every student, Bockenstedt said the one thing that everyone must learn to do is handle themselves in a professional manner.

"I think it is important for students to remember that they are here for more than just a grade," Bockenstedt said. "They're here to build a personal brand, to build connections and to be students of life long learning, but when we really get down to it I think there is a lot of young people who want to start a great career someday and find their calling in life."

He added that in order to pave your way, you must first start with having a strong professional relationship with your peers and professors as they are the ones who could potentially be writing you letters of recommendation.

At Wartburg, there are many professors who offer personal lines of communication, such as cell phone numbers and the invitations to be friends on Facebook, to their students. Bockenstedt said with those lines of communication, students need to understand and remember their professional boundaries.

"You want to set a good professional standard for yourself on day

one," Bockenstedt said. "While you may have a professor who says it's OK to email them at night, I would highly encourage students to really try to conduct business during business hours as much as they can with their professors."

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— Travis Bockenstedt

When emailing and communicating with professors, unless you know them personally, always address them with a professional title.

Bockenstedt said there are professors on campus who have worked hard to receive advanced degrees and titles that they've earned.

Learning to manage communication skills in college is key. Before sending an email, especially to a professor at night, make sure it is something that is time-sensitive.

Fourth-year Ellie Schaffer echoed Bockenstedt's thoughts on emailing professors when they are done on campus for the day. Schaffer also

said it is important to consider others' feelings when they are waiting for you to respond to an email.

"It's important to respond to professors and peers in a timely manner and follow through on the things you say you're going to do," Schaffer said.

Like in high school, the first few days of a college semester include various amounts of class paperwork and project explanations. Bockenstedt acknowledges how rubrics and syllabi are somewhat of a given, but it is important for students to know that they take a lot of time to make and plan.

He said his number one pet peeve is when students don't pay attention to an explanation in class and try to ask him a question about something he just covered.

"Students need to start building good work habits when they are in the classroom. It's the perfect place to start doing that," Bockenstedt said.

"Imagine if your boss took time to put together a company meeting and went over an hour's worth of instruction and planning and you ask them something they touched on. They are going to feel offended and like you weren't taking their time seriously. It is exactly how professors feel when you ask them an obvious question."

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RA cutbacks won't impact the first-year experience

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Wartburg's Residential Life department made the decision to reduce the number of resident assistants on campus from 47 to 37 for the upcoming school year.

"The industry standard is usually around 50 residents per resident assistant. We've been well below that with 47 RAs. In order to continue to be budget conscious and good stewards of our resources...we believe that it made sense to reduce that number," Dr. Wes Brooks, assistant vice president for Student Life and director of Residential Life, said.

The intent of the reduction is to increase the importance and selectivity of the RA role.

"We believe the RA role is one of significance on campus and has such an importance to the safety, security and welcoming environment [at Wartburg.] We want to make sure that the RA's in those positions really feel that sense of importance and responsibility," Brooks said.

The majority of the RA changes will take place in The Mansions, Knights Village, and Founders Hall. The reductions will have very little effect on first-years' experience.

"Each resident assistant may have a couple more students to develop relationships with, to program for and to reach out to if they need assistance, but nothing so extensive that it will be a problem," Brooks said.

As for the RA's, they can expect

an increase in duty time, and a few more responsibilities with a smaller staff.

"We're still working on how to create an equal and fair [duty scheduling] system across the entire resident life community. There will be a little bit more of a responsibility in terms of being on call, so we see that as something that we're continuing to evaluate and work through right now," Brooks said.

As for enhancing a student's first-year living experience, fourth-year RA Logan Goetzinger has a word of advice for first-year students.

"A piece of advice would be to actually speak up to your RA and get to know them," Goetzinger said. "I just would like it to be a friendlier relationship than me being the guy in charge of the floor, and people thinking 'oh that's the guy that gets us in trouble.' That's just not what I want to do as an RA."

Goetzinger acknowledges that a student's first-year on campus can be tough.

"There are going to be issues. No one lives the exact same way, so there's always going to be conflicts. Solving them is possible if you bring them up to the right people," Goetzinger said.

"I think tolerance of your roommate is a really big thing, too. It's new for everyone to live with someone, and a lot of issues arise when that happens. By just being open-minded and forgiving of issues and making sure that you communicate about what issues you have with each other, you can make your experience on a first-year floor a whole lot better."



Fourth-year Logan Goetzinger will be an RA in The Complex for the 2015-2016 school year. —Elizabeth Jewitt/TRUMPET

Dear first-years

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By now, you're probably sick of all the advice you've been getting about college, and if you aren't you will be soon. But this curmudgeonly 2015 Wartburg grad is about to give you some more. Gather 'round, kids.

Mom, dad and everyone else at home probably didn't tell you this, but college isn't like the movies. Or, at least, not most of the time. Movie characters rarely study. OK, that may not be too different.

College is hard. I don't just mean academically. It's not just college, though. It has a lot to do with the years between 18-25, mostly centered around age 22 (yes, like the Taylor Swift song and yes, I'm listening to it right now).

What can I do to change all that? Better yet, what can you do to change all that? Maybe nothing, but I'm still here to try.

1. Be proactive. About everything. If you think something is a problem, it probably already is.

2. Join clubs you're interested in right now. Try them all out, then decide which ones are for you. Don't wait until your second year to figure it all out. I did because I wanted to ease into college first and focus on my academics — I lost an important year of engagement. Let me tell you, class isn't unimportant,



Tyler Creed (pictured far right in tiger hat) is a 2015 graduate with a degree in writing with a journalism emphasis. — Submitted photo

but college is more than that. It's a lifestyle.

3. Don't glorify busy-ness. Figure out your schedule and, more importantly, your boundaries. Make sure to schedule time for yourself.

4. Don't go out drinking every weekend. It can be even more fun to be sober. Hard to believe? I know, but it's true. This will also help with number five.

5. Don't skip class. Do I need to explain this one? OK — it's money thrown away, it's time you'll have to make up and you might even run into an angry professor later that day.

6. Get to know your professors and ask for help when you need it. I hardly ever did this and I really wish I had done so more often.

7. You won't be the same person in college that you were in high school. For many of us this is a good thing (it certainly was for

me). The sooner you realize that, the sooner the upperclassmen will appreciate you.

8. Beware of cliques. Seriously. They're everywhere. Try meeting somebody new every day and then try to keep in touch with them. It's easier than it sounds; just say "hi" when you walk by.

9. Remember, this is temporary.

10. Let go of first impressions. Two of my current best friends were people I thought to be creeps. People change. You will, too.

11. Call mom and dad. Especially when you don't need anything from them.

12. Study abroad. It's one of the coolest things I did in college. I met so many cool people and still keep in touch with my Japanese host dad and host mom.

13. Have fun. Growin' up is hard to do, but I can promise, from experience, that it's #WorthIt.



Sean Lancaster (left) and Molly Zmudka (right) are the 2015-2016 student body president and vice president. — Submitted photo

Welcome from student senate

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First-year students: Welcome to Wartburg! We are excited for this upcoming year and look forward to having you all here.

Wartburg is a community unlike any other, and your four years here will be full of memories that will last a lifetime.

Take a minute and think. Where do you want to see yourself in five years? For many of you, the answer probably includes a degree and a job you love, or maybe the graduate school of your dreams.

Thanks to Wartburg and all that it has to offer, you can make these dreams a reality. Although it will not always be easy, faculty, staff and students all over this campus genuinely want you to succeed and are willing to help.

Our first piece of advice is to get involved. Although you have surely heard this many times by this point, we cannot stress enough the importance of joining groups and organizations on campus. Not only will you learn more about the school you go to, but also, you will likely meet lifelong friends.

Think of what you are passionate about, and we promise there is an organization to match on campus. Do you have an interest in music and production? Try out KWAR. Want to help sick children? Join Dance Marathon. Interested in voicing student issues and concerns? Student Senate is right for

you. We could go on for days, but the point is, there is an abundant amount of ways to get involved on campus and have fun.

While college is a wonderful four years, some of it will be difficult. There may be nights where you feel discouraged, but do not give up, and know that you are surely not alone.

Take advantage of the resources on campus such as RAs, Pathways and counseling services. As mentioned earlier, everyone wants you to succeed and live to your fullest potential.

Be open-minded to new things and people. Although you may feel confident that you will not enjoy a certain class, have a positive attitude, and you may be surprised to find a new interest.

Reach out to the people in your hall, even though it may be uncomfortable at first.

Attend an event that is maybe out of the ordinary for you, whether a football game, band concert, or chapel service. Stay open-minded and receptive to new opportunities and situations.

Lastly, don't cut corners or cheat yourself out of knowledge. We are fortunate to have such high quality educational opportunities, and after all, college is all about learning. Enjoy obtaining new information and your time at Wartburg will be even more enjoyable.

We are very excited about next year. Once again, welcome to Wartburg. We are glad to have you all as fellow Knights. Welcome to the family.

Green Tip: The move in

Courtesy of the Eco-Reps

Moving to a new place can be a hassle, and it can produce a large amount of waste. With a little bit of know-how, students have the ability to make smart decisions when moving to college. Starting the year in a sustainable way is a great way to set the pace for the rest of the year, and the following tips can help you with sustainable move in:

Talk to your roommate: Communicate with your roommate about who is bringing what. This will avoid unnecessary moves and purchases for both of you, and you will avoid unnecessary clutter.

Go Reusable: Make sure that all of your products are reusable. This will save the waste of buying a new product after each use and will save money over time.

Turn off the lights: You will be in and out of the room frequently during move in, so make sure to turn off the lights whenever you leave.

Unplug: Similar to the lights, electronics continue to use electricity when turned on. This is true even when they are not in use, and unplugging is a great way to save electricity.

Recycle: Make sure to recycle all appropriate packing materials, or consider saving some for move outs.

Avoid unnecessary buying: Instead, come to Old Main 10 to the Reused Station to pick up (or drop off) a variety of materials, including school supplies.

Decorate with second-hand: Before buying something new for your room, consider instead buying used from one of the thrift and used material stores such as Goodwill and Trinkets and Togs.

Pause: Wait to see if you really need something before you buy it for your room. Most students end up bringing far more than they end up wanting or needing in their room. If you wait to see if it is really necessary, your room will be simpler and more functional, as well as being more sustainable.

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Roommate problems

What to do when issues occur

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Living with a roommate is a new experience for most incoming first-years.

This experience can be nerve-racking and exciting all at the same time.

Resident staff members say most of the time roommates get along but throughout the year it is likely that some sort of conflict will arise.

"I think a main reason why people have roommate issues is that at the beginning of the year roommates 'tip-toe' around each other and are very cautious," Sadie Bucheit, a resident assistant in Löhle Hall, said.

When a problem does arise, there are always people around to help resolve those issues.

Although residents can go to outside sources first, it is strongly advised that roommates communicate their issues with one another before consulting outside sources, Alison Roberts, former Clinton Hall residence hall director, said.

"People are welcome to talk to their residence hall director about roommate issues. We also teach resident assistants ways to address these situations. Reaching out to a resident assistant or a hall director after you have talked to your roommate is a great source," Roberts said.

Living with someone other than family is part of what makes college, for some, a learning experience.

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— **Sadie Bucheit**

In many cases roommates turn out to be the best of friends, but sometimes they are better off living apart.

Compromise is one major factor in making the room situation even better.

Learning how to cohabitate with someone else is one aspect of college that makes college life different from high school.

"Remember, you each come from different cultures and have different perspectives. Keep an open mind," Roberts said.

"Some people will develop a strong relationship with their roommate and some people will simply enjoy living together. These are different styles, and one is not necessarily better than the other."



Roommate Agreement

Roommate 1: _____ Roommate 3: _____

Roommate 2: _____ Roommate 4: _____

Circle the selected option or fill in the blank:

Drinking will be allowed in the room:
Yes No

These hours will be reserved for sleeping: _____

When one roommate is sleeping the other may:

Play Music Have lights on
Watch TV Listen to music with headphones on
Have people over Have desk lamp on

These hours will be reserved for studying: _____

When one roommate is studying these background activities may occur:

Music
TV
Friends
Other: _____

We will keep our room:

Messy
Clean
Inbetween

Overnight guests are allowed:
Yes No

Before a roommate has an overnight guest they will inform the other roommate _____ days in advance.

Signature of all roommates participating in the roommate agreement:

Roommate 1: _____ Roommate 3: _____

Roommate 2: _____ Roommate 4: _____

How often may a roommate have an overnight guest?

Is it okay to request the other roommate to leave?
Yes No

List of items to be shared:

List of items NOT to be shared:

In the case of an argument we will:

— Julia Ratekin/TRUMPET

Get involved with Wartburg organizations

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For incoming first-years, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with an organization at Wartburg.

"I think the benefit for first-year students joining organizations is they will get to know people. Sometimes it puts them outside of their comfort zone to be involved with some of the things, but in the long run it helps with things like home sickness, the meeting of people, getting to know people who have similar interests and a lot of times it is just fun," Ashley Lang, director of campus programming, said.

For interested students here is a list of campus organizations and leaders:

- Adopt-a-Grandparent: Caleb Davidson
- Alliance: Adam Anderson
- Ambassadors: Carly Sis
- Wartburg Chemistry Club: Cara Donels and Kathryn Chabal
- Asian Student Association:

Priyo Khyang and Mengzhen Wang

- Best Buddies: Samantha Hallgren
- Black Student Union: Dajuan King
- BRAiNS: Ashley Lahti
- Castle Singers: Andrew Peeler
- Catholic Knights: Angela Zook
- Der Deutschklub /German Club: Catherine Malone
- Entertainment ToKnight (ETK): Jon Nuehring
- Environmental Activists (EARTH): Greta Bacon
- Orange EXCEleration: Carly Kuhtz
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Breann Bader
- Festeburg: Tanner Stutzman
- Get Fit: Kaila Beavers
- Le Cercle Francais/ French Club: Emily Conn
- Habitat for Humanity: Megan Roedel
- Hope Overflow: Libby DeJardin
- Homecoming Committee: Courtney Schulte-Wikan
- International Club: Lola Vafaeva
- Kantorei: Brandon Everding

- Kappa Delta Pi: William Soesbe
- Kappa Mu Epsilon (KME): Kelsey Miner
- KWAR: Jarren Ford
- La Mesa Espanola (Spanish Club): Kayla Heslin and Sarah Mullinax
- Manna: Judith Jones
- National Assoc for Music Education (NAFME): Mackenzie Walsh
- National Science Teachers Association: Kim Conner
- Phi Alpha Theta: Ella Newell
- Phi Beta Lambda: Justin Crouse
- Phi Eta Sigma: Danica Dickman
- Pre-Law: Ella Newell
- PRSSA Public Relations Stdt Society of America: Marissa Buresh
- Psalm 149 Dance Troupe: Ramona Bouzard
- Psi Chi: Angela Zook
- Society of Physics Students: Mo Yang
- Ritterchor: Andrew Tubbs
- SAFE: Kaitlyn Behnken
- Sexual Misconduct Awareness (SMART): Ariel Ford Loosier
- Sigma Delta Pi: Ashley Rosa
- Social Work Club: Adam Anderson
- St. Elizabeth Chorale: Andrea Weiss
- Students UKnight: Mollie Emerson
- Student Center Council: Kayla Lonneman
- Student Senate: Sean Lancaster
- Students for Peace and Justice (SPJ): Hannah Creed
- The Castle: Kamryn

- Kronshnabel
- The Circuit: Riley Cole
- Tower Agency: Jesse Smith
- Tri Beta: Madison Mix
- V-Day: Sheree Covert
- Volunteer Action Center: Alexa Schmitz
- Wartburg Assoc of Stdt Educators (WASE): Natalie Haller
- Wartburg Choir: Mackenzie Walsh
- Wartburg College Dance Marathon: Avery Mason
- Wartburg College Dance Team: Morgan Ciota
- Wartburg College Forensics: Jessica Donahue
- Wartburg College Psychology Club: Angela Zook
- Wartburg College Republicans: Zach Schulz
- Wartburg College Service Trips: Anna Askegaard
- Wartburg College Symphonic Band: Scott Muntefering
- Wartburg College Water to Thrive: Meghan Parman
- Orange Drumline: Steven Zahn

- Wartburg Engineering Society: Alec Ostrander
- Wartburg Film Society: Chanelle Helle
- Duh-Versity Knights: Ashley Reynolds, MacKenzie Sellnau, and Karina Devine
- Wartburg History Club: Zach Schulz
- Wartburg Iowa Band Masters Association: Anthony Skinner
- Wartburg Marketing Club: Bailey Camenisch
- Wartburg Mathematic Educator's Club: Kelsey Peters
- Wartburg Players: Adeline Angst
- Wartburg College Pep Band: Anthony Lynn
- Wartburg Student Music Therapy Assoc.: Emma Evans-Peck
- Wartburg Television (WTV): Jeanne Edson
- Wartburg Trumpet: Jessica Grant
- Wartburg Ultimate Frisbee Club: Dylan Moore
- Wind Ensemble: Joe Amsberry



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